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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EUROPE'S DANGER.

REPARATIONS POSITION GRAVE.

FRANCE IMPATIENT.

POSSIBLE MARCH INTO THE RUHR TO-DAY.

London, January 8.
The decision about taken by the Reparations Commission in regard to the failure of Germany's coal deliveries is being awaited with the keenest concern by according to Reuter's correspondent at Paris if the Commission declares that Germany has defaulted in the matter of coal deliveries France will give the word to march directly plans are completed, possibly to-morrow without waiting till January 15 which is the date when Germany should announce whether she is able to pay the cash then due. The Minister for Public Works has furnished the President of the Commission. The German representative will elaborate before the Commission. In the meantime French troop movements continue. It is assumed that the first French objective is Essen.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

BRUSSELS, January 8.
A communique published denying the accusation of voluntary default in respect of the coal, timber and paving stones deliveries admits that the obligations have not been completely fulfilled. The communique attributes this partly to the fact that the demands from the very outset were excessive; partly to uncontrollable circumstances, such as strikes and transport difficulties; and largely to the French authorities' alleged unwarranted conduct. The communique maintains that only the preliminary negotiations have been proceeded with as regards the deliveries of nitrate and denies that the Government here violated the peace treaty, because the Reparations Commission did not make definite demands.

French occupation of the Ruhr is expected on January 10. No organized disturbances or strikes are anticipated in Essen.

The newspapers state that the German Government will refuse to enter into separate negotiations with France, and express the opinion that the occupation will not lead to any action on the part of the German Government beyond a formal protest.

REPARATIONS MEETING.

PARIS, January 8.

Large crowds assembled in the neighbourhood of the Hotel Astoria where the Reparations Commission is sitting. All the Allied delegates were present. Police shepherded the German experts through a side entrance. The Germans made a statement until 5.30 when the meeting adjourned until to-morrow to hear the conclusion of the German case.

LAUSANNE PESSIMISM.

TURKISH ATTITUDE STIFFENING.

LONDON, January 8.

There is a feeling of pessimism akin to apprehension in diplomatic quarters as regards the fate of the Lausanne Conference owing to the stiffening attitude of the Turks since the collapse of the Paris Conference. Notwithstanding this, Allied solidarity at Lausanne is in no wise affected by the Paris failure. It is expected the Allies will concentrate on drafting a peace treaty embodying the extreme limits of concession they are prepared to give to meet the Turkish claims, and the treaty will be presented for definite acceptance or rejection. The result should be definitely known about January 20.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

In the meantime precautionary military movements are proceeding.

MALTA, January 8.

The battleship "Emperor of India" is due to-morrow and is expected to join Admiral Brock's fleet at Constantinople as soon as possible, replacing the "King George V." but it is not likely that the latter will leave yet. The destroyer "Spek" is leaving Chalk for Constantinople.

LAUSANNE, January 8.

It is officially denied that British troops are preparing to leave Constantinople.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULL.

LONDON, January 8.

In the Stock Exchange business was dull owing to political events and except for French five per cent. weak. The 2 1/2 per cent. market was weak and nervous. The French five was 65.10 and the Belgian 73.95. The lire was 93 1/2. German marks 4,800, and sterling on New York 4.64 1/2.

BELGIANS HELPING FRENCH.

BRUSSELS, January 8.

Preparations are being made for a Belgian force to co-operate in the French operations in the Ruhr.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 3/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/3 5/16.

EMPIRE WIRELESS SYSTEM.

BETTER NEWS SERVICES WANTED.

GOVERNMENT NOW MOVING.

LONDON, January 8.

A deputation from the Empire Press Union urged the Postmaster-General the necessity of an Empire wireless system and requested a statement of the Government's policy, pointing out that the present communications were of very little service for the supply of news. Stations in France and Germany were far bigger and more capable, giving means for propaganda in which Britain should not be outdistanced. A speedy decision was necessary in view of the high cable rates.

The Postmaster replied that the Government realized the necessity of cheap and abundant Empire communications. The Government was reconsidering the policy of its predecessors as regards the method of establishing and operating wireless installation in Britain but had not yet reached a decision. He dwelt on the question of cost. There were great technical difficulties in establishing and operating the installation but he did not think a decision on this point could long be delayed. The question of the size of stations would remain. He had no fear of conflict or disagreement with the Dominions where arrangements with private enterprise had already been made.

WAR AGAINST OPIUM.

WHERE INDIAN SUPPLIES COME FROM.

GENEVA, January 9.

The League of Nations Opium Committee assembled under the presidency of Sir Malcolm Delevingne and discussed the Assembly resolution adopted on September 18 in regard to the furnishing of returns. The American representative declared that the United States was already giving effect to the resolution. Mr. Campbell, on behalf of India, stated that two-thirds of exportable opium came from Persia and Turkey. Only a third was produced in India.

ANOTHER WAR HORROR?

INGENIOUS TORPEDOPLANE.

PARIS, January 8.

A new English torpedo plane has been tested before French experts at Le Bourget who were very impressed with the new slotted wing device enabling landing or rising in very confined spaces. These also stabilise the machine after launching a ton projectile.

TROTSKY'S EMPTY BOAST.

FEED RUSSIA FIRST.

MOSCOW, January 8.

M. Trotsky, speaking at the all-Russian congress, said that the biggest task the Communists had was to capture the English and American workers. He boasted that Russia could feed the European proletariat in the event of an American food blockade.

BRITISH DEBT FUNDING.

FORMAL CONFERENCE OPENS.

WASHINGTON, January 8.

The first formal conference between the British and American debt-funding commissions has been opened. It is believed the interest rate will be one of the first questions to be considered as the other terms largely depend thereon.

HOOPER'S POST.

WASHINGTON, January 8.

Mr. Hoover has declined an offer to exchange the Secretaryship of Commerce for the Secretaryship of the Interior.

M. C. C.

CHRISTCHURCH, January 8.

Marylebone scored 145 runs for five wickets. The match was drawn.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

MAN AND WIFE KILLED.

A landslide occurred at Morrison Gap Road yesterday with fatal results to a Chinese earth cooler and his wife who were both killed by the earth falling on them. Three others were working with them, but they escaped unhurt. The bodies have been sent to the mortuary.

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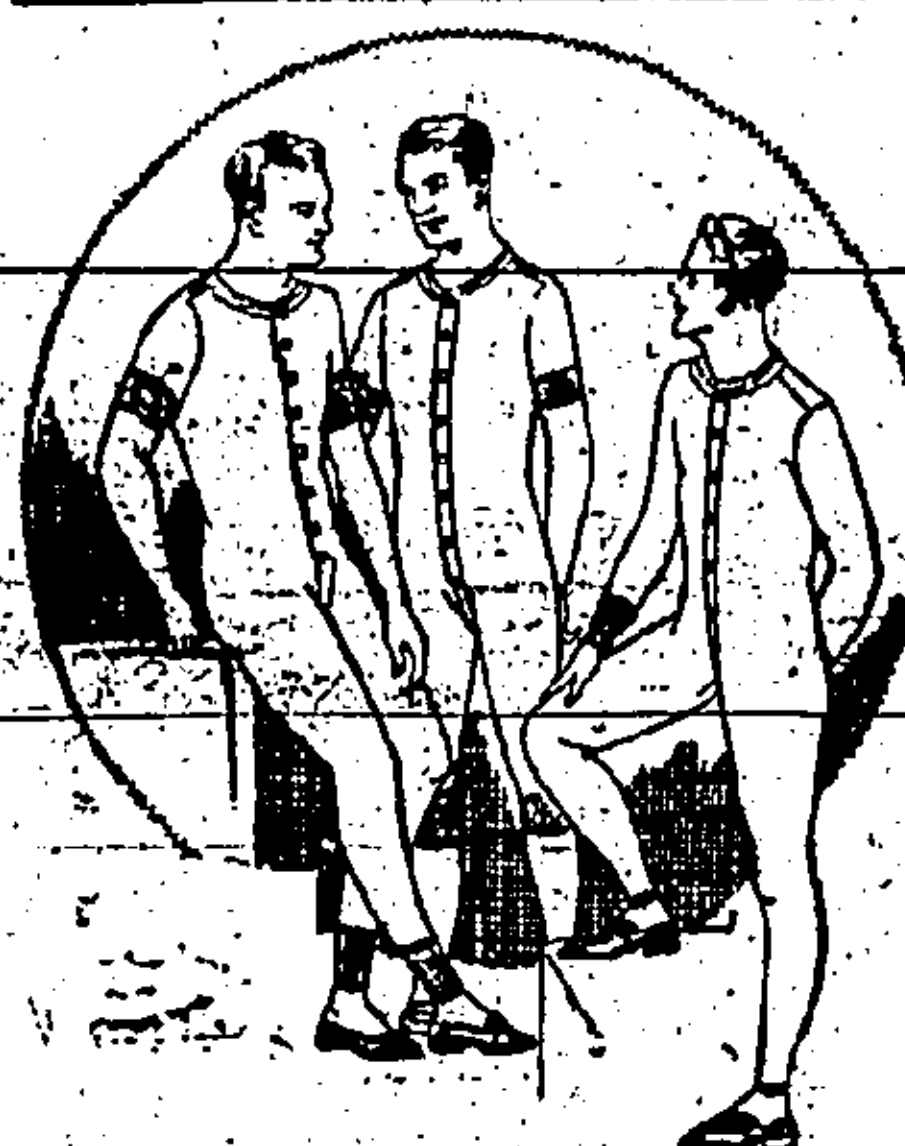
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BIRTHS.

FERRARI.—On December 29, 1932, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Ferrari, a daughter—stillborn.
WALLACE.—On January 3, 1933, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Dore Wallace, a daughter.
MAINGON.—On Wednesday, January 3, 1933, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Maingon, a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1933.

EUROPE'S DANGER.

"When Europe dies 'Reparations' will be written on her heart. For just as surely as these interminable wrangles are spreading economic ruin ever wider, the present bankrupt diplomacy is sinking men's hopes still deeper in despair. H. G. Wells, in his latest history, writes that we are now beginning to realise the war, 'terrible and enormous as it was, ended nothing, began nothing and settled nothing.' More than that, we are now beginning to realise that this peace is proving equally useless. The 'cruelly organised' and 'passionate' of national and imperial greed" that carried mankind into the war have "emerged from it sufficiently unimpaired to make some other similar disaster highly probable as soon as the world is a little recovered from its war-exhaustion and fatigue." The factors which more than any others are forcing Europe ever deeper into the morass are the disarmament breakdown and the reparations battle. Quoting Wells again, States organised for war will make war just as surely as hens will lay eggs.

Armaments, unchecked, will supply the power and reparations; still agents will supply the cause for future trouble—unless Europe makes one big, last effort to solve both these corroding problems. Partisan conferences like the futile Paris meeting will not bring the solution; even less will separate adventures like the Ruhr invasion which to-day's later cables report France impatiently waiting to launch. Even America's intervention in the role of mediator—a prospect now fast disappearing—would scarcely bring that complete and final settlement necessary (in Reuters' own words) to avert anarchy in Europe. Before lasting peace can be secured, we have repeatedly emphasised, Europe must first unravel the tangle in which reparations, war debts and armaments are inextricably mixed. Germany faces ruin because, wilfully or otherwise, she cannot meet her reparations obligations. France, desperately needing the reparations money to meet her national deficit and restore the devastated regions, maintains an expensive army to back her demands against the defaulter. America, seeking to have disarmaments reduced owing to the huge cost of keeping abreast with her competitors, shows little sympathy for her European debtors. Britain, with her serious unemployment problem menacing the Government's security, and threatening internal disorder, is anxious to have the reparations question settled and Germany's crushing burden relieved. The Turks, seeking to exploit the Allies' troubles for their own advantage, seize every opportunity to increase the confusion. What wonder, then, that the Italian statesman, Signor Nitoli, in his book, "The Decadence of Europe," finds Europe becoming a larger Balkans and facing general ruin. What wonder, either, that Wells foresees another equally

disastrous war twenty or thirty years hence unless Europe comes to its senses. And the way Europe must come to its senses is to organize international relations for permanent peace, sink the national hates which are making this larger Balkans, and strive for the ideal of political unity.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Sun Chu-hsien, a well-known Chinese actor, passed away in Tientsin recently. He was 81 years old.

By mutual agreement, Mr. A. H. Mancell retires from his partnership in the Shanghai firm of Seth, Mancell and McLeure.

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, won the Shanghai Revolver Club's championship with a score of 374 out of a possible 400.

Mr. D. H. Banner, reports to the Police that between the 6th and the 8th, somebody stole from a drawer in his house, No. 31, Humphreys Buildings, the sum of \$200 in cash.

The marriage will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, on the 20th instant at 3.30 p.m., of Mr. James H. Ollerdesen to Miss Violet Elaine Hawes, daughter of Mr. James Hawes.

Mr. Hugh S. Miller, formerly American Vice Consul in Hongkong, who left the Colony last June to take up a consular position in Cornwall, Ontario, has been appointed Vice-Consul in Quebec.

A man who was found "unconscious" has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital by the Police. It is believed that he sustained his injuries through falling from a motor bus at the junction of Nathan and Mody Roads, Kowloon.

The Tientsin river was covered over with a thin film of ice opposite the Bund on December 29, but this quickly dispersed. The ice-breaker at Tientsin has had little to do, so far, the conditions lower down being favourable for rapid clearance of floating ice.

The Rev. M. T. Stauffer, who left for America last year, after spending several years in Shanghai as secretary in the Chinese Education Committee, has been appointed Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions in America.

For the purpose of introducing films into China especially prepared for Chinese audiences, an organization has just been formed in America, and Mr. James A. Thomas, formerly of the British-American Tobacco Company in Shanghai, is said to be identified with it.

Censorship of phonograph records has been decided upon by the Education Department of Japan. The vernacular papers report that a committee of six censors is to be appointed to see that nothing shocking shall come forth from the discs. They will brand with an official mark each record that they approve. Both foreign and Japanese records are to be censored.

A shopkeeper of Yang Shue Wan, Lamna Island, reports to the Police that during the night of the 8th some persons set fire to his cargo-boat lying at the foreshore near his shop. The boat was valued at \$150 and he believes the "burn" of it was a ruse decoy to get him out of the shop, so that an armed robbery could be committed. He thinks he was wise in staying indoors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Culver and daughter Lillian Culver City, California, were passengers on the s.s. "President Grant" which arrived from Manila yesterday. The Culvers, after spending two weeks at the Republic Bay Hotel, will continue on their trip around the world, sailing for Marseilles on the "Kamo Maru" about January 17. Mr. Culver has the distinction of having Culver City named after him. He is interested in banking and real estate development, in and around Los Angeles.

The affairs of the Liberty Club in Shanghai, a defunct organization started early in 1921 for the benefit of American ex-servicemen, were before the U.S. Court last week, upon claims for rent and club equipment. The plaintiffs were Messrs. Hall and Holtz, who claimed \$2,800 for furniture, etc., supplied, and the Russian Economic Society, on whose premises the club was opened, for Tls. 3,000, rent and taxes due on a three years' lease at a rental of Tls. 330 per month. After hearing evidence, His Honour reserved judgment.

OUR FIRE FIGHTERS.

THEIR NEW HOME.

ANOTHER ENGINE ARRIVES.

When a *China Mail* representative called on the Fire Brigade in their new station, on the ground-floor of Stephen's Building in Des Vaux Road, the first thing he saw was the testing of the street alarms which he was told is carried out every day. The alarms are connected to a board in the office and the whole thing seems very simple. A person operating the alarm in any street causes an indicator with the name of the street on it to fall and all the trouble of ringing up by telephone and explaining the locality is obviated.

The Central Fire Station is now properly established in Stephen's Building and will be there for from two to three years. The old station is being used by the Police, a number of Sub-Inspector and Sergeants are being quartered there. Besides holding all the engines, hose and other apparatus the new premises find room for a motor-ambulance and two motor-cars. The Chinese firemen are also quartered on the ground floor, while Mr. Moss, the Station Superintendent, lives up in the fifth floor. He is accessible by a lift.

Our representative was very courteously shown round by Mr. Moss. The new station, undoubtedly, has better facilities and there is much more room. A great improvement has been effected in the Chinese firemen's quarters. The men—there are 64 of them in the Central Station—sleep in bunks with iron stands and each one is allotted a camp-room with a trunk. Hot and cold water has been installed in the bath rooms and the flush system has been adopted for the lavatories. Electric fans have been put into the sleeping and mess rooms.

On being shown into the workshop, the *China Mail* man realised that a building, not originally intended for a fire station, must have its limits and there are no drying facilities. Hose, after use, has to be sent to the Wanchai sub-station for drying. But the main disadvantage is the lack of space for drill. At the old station the Brigade could have practised, but here, the men have to go to East Point for drill. This being difficult to arrange as the contingency of a fire in the Central or Western districts has to be provided for.

To-day, a new Denis Engine is being put together at the Kowloon Godowns, it having just arrived from home.

WEST RIVER WAR.

BRITISH GUNBOAT UNDER FIRE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, January 7.

Only two ships are sailing from Hongkong to this port at present—all the others are laid up. The British ships "Kochow" and "Taming" are sailing as far as Samshui only. The former sails on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday each week, the latter on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. H. M. Consul has issued an order prohibiting all British ships from proceeding further up the West River, than Samshui.

While H. M. Gunboat "Moorhen" was proceeding up the West River on Sunday last, in the neighbourhood of Yuehsing, Yunnanese soldiers fired about 200 shots, about 20 of which hit the "Moorhen". They drizzled, however, and decamped when the "Moorhen" let loose with her machine-guns. The "Moorhen" suffered no casualties.

The Yunnanese troops are now below Lukpa, about 79 miles from Wuchow. Reinforcements for the Canton Army are being rushed to Shuihung.

"STEELHEART"

AT KOWLOON THEATRE.

"Steelheart," the stirring Vitaphone picture which constitutes the current attraction at the Kowloon Theatre, gets its name from the sterling qualities of its hero. True as steel was his heart, yet tender as a woman's and when the heroine happened along to the outbreak mining town he took her, to speak, under his wing. Dorgan, keeper of the local shanty, was the villain and, when the heroine and her hero entered a mine shaft he pushed over a slide which nearly entrapped them in a living tomb.

More thrills follow in the film and culminate in a fight in which Dorgan and the heroine's missing husband are killed. This is the way left clear for Steelheart, the hero, to claim his rightful reward.

NAVAL OFFICER'S DEATH.

MOTOR SMASH INQUIRY.

After our report of yesterday's inquest into the death of Lieut. Commander Horner had closed, the driver of Motor Car No. 118, (the car in which deceased was riding at the time of the accident) was called to the witness-box.

STORY OF THE NAVAL PARTY'S CHAUFFEUR.

He said he had been a licensed driver for four years and was in the employ of the Connaught Garage. On the night of the 1st he took his car to the Hongkong Hotel at about 10.30 o'clock. His passengers were six Naval officers in plain clothes. They wished to go to Repulse Bay Hotel. He arrived there at 11.10 p.m. He remained there until 1.15 a.m. when the Naval party boarded the car again. He took the car to the first bridge and back to the Hotel where the two ladies got out.

The Coroner: What time did you get back to the Hotel from the first bridge?—I got back at 1.20 a.m. The ladies then got out and I then started back for Hongkong at 1.25 a.m. with the Naval Officers.

Now, your passengers say you left the Hotel at 2.5 a.m. You say 1.25 a.m., which is right?—I say 1.25 a.m.

THE PASSENGERS' INSTRUCTIONS. Continuing, witness said he never took the motor-car described as No. 46. He did not pass that car at Tytan. The only car he passed was a Dutch car. He reached Ab King's slipway a little after 2 a.m. He was then travelling at 20 miles per hour. A car came close behind his car—"very close." The car behind sounded its horn for a short time. Witness kept straight on. The passengers (all of them) told him not to let this car pass.

The Coroner asked Lieut. Wallace to stand up. The chauffeur then said that this officer had told him to "go fast."

The Coroner: Which one told you not to let the car pass?—Those sitting behind me. I could not see them. They spoke English. Those in the back stood up—two or three of them. They created a great noise.

They told me they were checking at the other car as it passed. They appeared excited as if the other car was gaining on us.

And they told you to go fast?—Yes.

Did you go fast?—I did a little.

When you began to go faster where was the other car? Was it behind or beside you?—When the other car drew level with the middle of our car I began to accelerate.

PREVENTING THE OTHER CAR FROM PASSING.

And what was your object in accelerating?—I wanted to prevent them overtaking us.

So that you were racing the other car?—We did not like to be overtaken.

The driver of the other car says that you signalled him to pass?—I did not, neither did I sound a horn. Did your passengers signal?—I don't know.

DRIVER DAZZLED.

Well, after you accelerated what happened?—When the head of their car drew level with the middle of our car the headlights of their car flashed on to the wind screen. The light also played on my eyes and I was dazzled and I turned my car to the left. I could not see the kerb stones and my car struck the stones.

Before you struck the stones did you see the rear light of the other car?—I did not.

When you struck the stones how was your car in relation to theirs?—The other car was quite close to my car with its head nearly into the body of my car.

After you accelerated how was it that the other car was able to go ahead?—Because the other car accelerated earlier than mine.

Witness added that his car did not get up the pace of the other car.

At the time you struck the stone, were you still trying to keep in front of the other car?—At that time I tried to stop the car and attempted to swerve to the other side, because I felt two bumps.

Why did you keep to the left so much?—Because the other car was running into ours.

Didn't you know it was a dangerous thing to accelerate going round a corner with another car level?—The road was broad enough for the other car to pass on the right; instead of doing so it nearly ran into us.

BLOW SPEED—NO ACCIDENT.

If you had gone slowly instead of accelerating this accident would not have happened. Isn't that so?—Yes.

What does a prudent driver do when his car is being overtaken by another car?—Doesn't he go along at the same speed?—Sometimes he does.

A prudent man?—Yes, he would do that.

When your passengers told you to go fast, why did you obey them?—At that time the other car had not overtaken my car.

But why didn't you resist?—Seeing that there were so many occupants I forced myself to humour them.

CRIBS EXAMINED BY MR. HAZLERIGG.

Witness said he made a statement to the police on January 3rd. He did not tell Inspector Garrod that he signalled to the car to pass, but that he moved his car a little further to the left. It was his first intention to let the car pass, but the passengers ordered him to drive fast. He did not mention to the Inspector that he was dazzled by the lights.

The Coroner: Why not?—At that time I was confused in my mind and I just told what I remembered.

Mr. Hazlerigg: And the rest you have invented?

Pay Lieut. Webb, recalled, was asked if he or any of the party urged the driver to go faster and said that to the best of his knowledge he was prepared to say that this was not a fact.

The Coroner: Did anybody tell him to go faster as the car was passing? I don't think so. We cheered and there was a lot of row.

The Coroner: To the chauffeur of No. 163? Are there any questions you would like to put?

The chauffeur pointed to one of the Naval Officers in Court (Lieut. Wallace) and said that gentleman did.

Paymaster Lieut. McBride also denied the chauffeur's statement. He heard nobody tell the driver to go faster.

Paymaster Lieut. Wallace, who was sitting next the driver said that he did not on that occasion tell him to go faster. Previously he had told him to pass one car.

The Chauffeur: He was sitting beside me and gesticulated as if riding a horse (the chauffeur made the gesture of a jockey on a horse).

Lieut. Wallace then added that, generally speaking, the chauffeur's story was untrue, but he admitted that certain parts of the story were true. He also noticed the headlights of the other car flash on to the wind-screen of their car.

Lieut. Beauchamp said that what the chauffeur had said about going faster was not true.

Lieut. Capley also denied the allegation and added: "At the same time I can quite imagine that he thought that we wished him to go faster."

By this time it was approaching 5 p.m. and Mr. Dennis applied for an adjournment of the Court, stating "that the Jury were all busy men."

The Coroner: You sit down, Mr. Dennis. I am going to carry on. Sgt. Alexander, will you come forward.

TECHNICAL EVIDENCE.

Sgt. Alexander said that he visited the scene of the accident the morning afterwards and saw the wheel mark of car No. 118 directed right on to the rock. There was no sign of skid. He knew car No. 46. The head lights of that car were fixed with Warner's Anti glare glasses and would not dazzle the same as head lights fitted with ordinary glass. The highest speed at which it at corner could be taken was 20 miles an hour. It was a dangerous corner owing to the presence of spur rock.

In reply to Mr. Hazlerigg the witness said that the highest speed for a motorcar at night time, he considered, at that corner should not be more than 15 miles per hour.

Traffic Inspector Garrod also gave evidence and said that he considered it quite safe for two cars to pass at a 45 feet wide corner at 20 miles per hour if the proper care was taken. It was quite safe to do this at night time.

Lieut. WALLACE AMENDS HIS STATEMENT.

Lieut. Wallace then came forward and said he wished to amend his evidence. He admitted that he did act as a jockey when the cars drew level.

Evidence by the police Interpreter was then taken and the Enquiry adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon when the Solicitors will address the Jury.

FROM THE HEART OF CHINA

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Even in the heart of China Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian child-remedy, are known and prized in many homes. Magistrate Tan Chai Ichi, of Kwantung, writes from Yunnan, China, concerning them:

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BOOK REVIEW.

SELECTED ODES OF HORACE.

TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH VERSE BY O. R. BAYER.

"In the twentieth century" says Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, "members of Parliament quoted from the Bible; in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries from the classics; in the twentieth century from nothing at all." And some have even hinted worse things still of a Premier recently fallen from power. In the face of such a landslide it is a pleasure to see issuing from Hongkong a neat little volume of Selections in verse of some of the Odes of Horace. It is, we feel sure, only a harbinger.

Horace has always been a favourite classical author, and as such, has often been translated. Mr. Bayer has only culled a small selection but even in this bouquet every reader will probably find an old favourite. Reading three or four through as English poems we are most struck with "A Winter's song!" See how white Soracte stands! Mantled deep in snow! How the frost with icy hands Holds the river's flow! While in vain the woods do strain Their heavy burden to sustain.

"Brings the morrow joy or pain Question not the fates; Rather set it down again What so'er awaits. Love is sweet and youth is fleet, Dancing is for nimble feet."

Ode XIV (To Posthumus) is a great favourite and we like Mr. Bayer's rendering: "The fleeting years slip fast away. Old age and wrinkles threaten us." But we think his choice of a metre hardly suits the sentiment as well as Mr. Gladstone's: "How swiftly glide the fleeting years. Alas! nor piety nor tears."

At times, too, Mr. Bayer's ear plays him false. It is hard to justify: "Wherefore finger? Snatch the ring or Bracelet from the yielding finger?"

or "Do you doubt the pa and ma Of your old haired Mary are?"

One of Mr. Bayer's renderings (to Xanthias Phocæus) seems to us to reduce the level of Horace:

"Do not think it a disgrace That a little slave's face In a chap with such a name Should awake so fierce a flame."

After reading this through we turn to the Latin again; and we fail to see why he has turned it into a vulgar lilt that reminds one, of Mr. Kipling, minus the Cockney dom.

Lord Morley once broached the question with Mr. Gladstone as to who was the greatest of the Latin poets. Mr. Gladstone seemed to favour Horace: Lord Morley (rightly as we think) gave the palm to Lucretius. And we hope that Mr. Bayer, in the near future, will give us renderings from the *De Rerum Natura*.

LAND SALE.

CHINESE LADY BIDS.

A big crowd gathered at the P.W.D. office yesterday when New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 49 was put up for auction. The property is bounded by Kee Kuek and Haitan Streets at Shamshui, and measures 49,800 square feet. The upset price was \$98,000 and the annual Crown Rent \$238.

The property is near this waterfront, which is being reclaimed extensively. As the environments are being developed, the piece of land will become very useful both for business and residential premises.

A number of syndicates were interested in the bidding and a Chinese lady, a Mr. Tam Sik see, was also a prospective purchaser. With the exception of an \$8,000 jump in the early stages when the lady was still responding to the auctioneer's encouragement, the bidding was not brisk. Offers mounted by \$500 and \$1,000 jumps till the property was knocked down to Mr. Kwok To-tai at \$150,500.

Mr. Kwok is a well known property owner being especially interested at present, in the foreshore reclamation at Shamshui. He is associated with Mr. Kwok Shuen of the Wing On Company. The price works out at \$3.04 per square foot and though higher than what has been paid for other lots in the neighbourhood, is a good investment which should bring in a fair return to the owners, when the property is developed.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Kaiser's Service to the China Mail.)

DEBT FUNDING PLANS.

FORMAL CONFERENCE OPENS.

BRITAIN WANTS SQUARE DEAL.

WASHINGTON, January 8.

Cordiality marked the first formal conference of the debt funding commissions.

Mr. Mellon deeply appreciated the British courtesy in without precedent, discharging the Chancellor of the Exchequer on such a mission.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin declared that he did not seek favours but a square deal which would secure repayment to America of the last cent of the war time credits. Britain did not intend to depart from the principle of making the present generation pay as far as possible for the war, but the payment of her debt of America in gold was impossible. On the other hand, the conference was faced with the problem of liquidating international credit in view of the situation wherein a creditor nation unwilling to permit the liquidation through direct delivery of goods and also unwilling to see the sale of her products to a debtor nation was an interrupter. He expressed the opinion that agreement between the two great democracies in this respect would be a long step towards solving the economic troubles of Europe.

IRISH CIVIL WAR.

DESERTERS EXECUTED.

LONDON, January 8.

Five Free State deserters who were captured fighting on the side of the irregulars have been executed in Dublin.

TAXICAB SCHEME.

WILL IT CHEAPEN TRAVEL?

MR. ROWE ANSWERS CRITICS.

Since it was announced that a service of taxicabs was to be established in Hongkong, and that the Government had given permission for the first 30 to be on the streets before next June, the proposal, like most innovations has had a good many critics.

The organizer of the scheme, Mr. A. H. Rowe, General Manager of the United Motor Company, had some convincing replies to offer when a China Mail reporter drew his attention to some of the chief points of criticism to-day.

To begin with, Mr. Rowe said that he could not agree that the average speed of a motor-car in Hongkong was 20 miles per hour, when one took into consideration the many "limited" areas. He suggested that roughly 15 and often 12 miles per hour, was the average speed, for the whole distance covered, on, say, a trip round the island, when one worked out the time taken for the trip and the mileage after the car had returned to the garage.

Again, Mr. Rowe says that he would like to be furnished with a list of the garages which hire cars out at \$1 for the whole trip round the island. He maintains that it could not be done without a loss. The charge for the trip as per the latest reduced rates of the Exile Garage, is \$7.50 for a 5 seater car and \$10.50 for a 7-seater car. That with the taxi service, the fare for the 23 miles covered by the trip, at 40 cents per mile, works out at \$9.20—or \$1.70 more than a 5 seater car, he admitted. But, he pointed out the taxi was not meant for the round the island pleasure trip for which purpose let the public by all means take a garage car.

The taxi scheme was mooted solely to supply a faster and more comfortable means of communication with the outlying residential districts of Hongkong and Kowloon, and to take the place of the ricksha and chair (in the uphill districts of Hongkong). At 40 cents per mile, the taxi was undoubtedly more expensive than the ricksha for one fare, but when four people engaged a taxi to go to, say, Happy Valley—the fare for which would be 80 cents—it worked out at 20 cents per head, which was the same as a ricksha fare for the same trip with the added advantage of speed and comfort which the taxi offered.

In spite of all the criticisms he has seen since the scheme was mooted, Mr. Rowe is still confident that the taxi service will pay.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday but during last week eight cases of notifiable disease were reported. These consisted of one case of plague (Chinese), two cases of smallpox (one English and one Chinese), three cases of diphtheria (two British and one Portuguese) and one case of cerebrospinal fever (Chinese). Four of the cases proved fatal and three Chinese died from influenza which is not a notifiable disease.

Ye Olde Printerie Ltd. have purchased the rights and privileges of the Hongkong Printing Press.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES.

CHINESE IN TROUBLE.

Leung King-mow, alias Kwok Sam, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with having embezzled \$12,700 from his employers, the Wing On Bank of Hongkong and Hongkong, on December 19 last.

The defendant was arrested in Shanghai on Christmas morning with a woman companion, as the result of a telegram from Hongkong. They were both brought back, but the woman was not charged this morning although she is still in Police custody.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who appeared for the prosecution asked for a remand till Friday at 2.30 p.m.

SPENT IT.

Mr. T. G. Bennett was for the prosecution in another embezzlement case at the Magistrate's this morning when Yu Kam-jai was charged with converting 22 Bills of Exchange, the property of his employers, to his own use. The total amount was \$14,974.85. Of this \$13,122.35 had been cashed, so it is alleged by defendant.

Mr. Bennett stated that only \$44 had been recovered and asked for a remand. The prisoner when asked to plead, said "I have spent the money." Mr. Lindell, the Magistrate, remarked that this amounted to a plea of "guilty" and that it looked like a case for committal.

A remand was granted till January 16 at 2.15 p.m.

HOCKEY.

CLUB v H. K. S. R. C. A.

The following will represent the Club at the U. S. R. C. on Wednesday 10th January at 3 p.m. Club in C. Jours:—A. Boxer, G. Murray, E. G. England, Rev. N. Evans, R. E. W. H. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell, B. D. Evans (Capt.), F. Schiepel, R. C. Woodward, F. H. Holdman and St. G. R. Clark.

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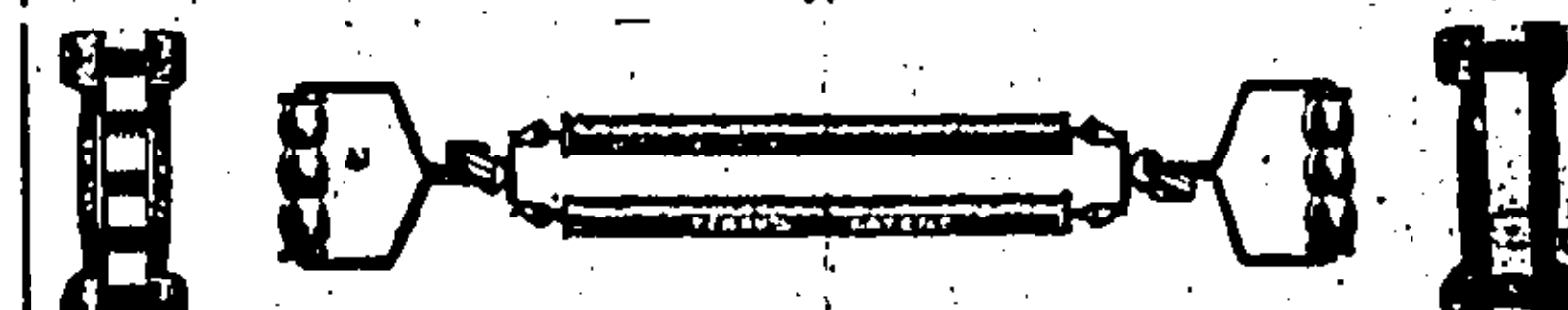
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SHIPPING.

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS IN THE MERCHANT SERVICE.

The following monthly reports from the agencies of the Imperial Merchant Service (which indicate little or no improvement in the call for the services of sea-going officers, and the same discouraging results have been experienced at headquarters during the period under review. The American demand for coal seemed at one time to promise work for a portion of laid-up ships and their crews, but owing to the temporary character of the boom these hopes were disappointed, although a few vacancies were created and some officers were shipped at short notice. Whilst it is gratifying to learn from the official figures that unemployment in shore occupations is steadily decreasing, no such beneficial progress is yet apparent so far as certificated masters and officers of the Merchant Service are concerned, of whom there are large numbers still ashore and available for immediate service on application to this society.

Captain G. T. Hann, the agent in London, states: "Two second officers, one third, and one fourth officer have obtained appointments during this period. Since making my last report in August I regret to say I find no improvement in the demand for officers. To my knowledge only five of our members have been placed. During the last fortnight no calls whatever have been made to us for officers. One well-known firm who had asked for applications from officers with oil experience now inform me they already have sufficient for their wants at the present."

Captain E. Clegg, the agent for the Bristol Channel district, says: "You will see by the figures of this eleven months and officers have secured positions in the time covered by this report and there are one or two other vacancies pending. I am pleased to say that there is a better tone of late, but the real improvement is, after all, only slight. There is also a slight improvement in the number of men registered for employment."

Captain R. Whitehead, of the Tyne & Wear Agency, writes: "During this period employment has been found for four chief officers, two second, three third, and one store appointment. Inquiries for officers have not been over numerous of late, and this state of affairs throws light upon present position in regard to this department of our work, and of things in the shipping world in general. Matters will have to move a good deal quicker before we are able to say for certain whether the tide has at last turned to the flood. The position is very acute for many of our members, a good many of whom have been out of employment for six, twelve and eighteen months."

Captain O. C. Leo, the Clyde agent, writes: "Very slack indeed," must still, I regret to say, be the report with regard to employment matters in this district. Since my last report five members have been placed in junior capacities, and four others have notified me that they have been recalled to their former ships, which have been laid up for some time past, but all of which were registered at ports other than Glasgow."

Mr. A. Hindson, the Ifnaber agent, advised: "Through the medium of this agency we have found employment for four chief officers, two second, and one third. We now have on our books the names of 31 unemployed members. This is the lowest number of names we have been able to report for a very long time past. It is most encouraging; for we believe it shows most ships are getting away."

Mr. A. McKenzie, the agent in Sunderland reports: "I am pleased to state that shipping here has improved, which may be the means of further employment."

EXTRAORDINARY MISHAP TO OCEAN LINER.

An extraordinary disaster has occurred to the Red-Flag liner, *St. Lawrence*, while en route to the West Indies. The ship, which was bound for the West Indies, was wrecked off the coast of the United States. The ship was carrying a large number of passengers and crew. The wrecking occurred on the night of January 7th, 1923. The ship was bound for the West Indies, and was carrying a large number of passengers and crew. The wrecking occurred on the night of January 7th, 1923.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY BOISORS LOOT.

Darning hints.

1. Mending large holes in stockings or underwear is often a heart-breaking job, but if you tack a piece of net over the hole and darn through this (cutting away the edges of the net when finished) you will save a great deal of time and wool, and strengthen the garment considerably. 2. When darning woolen stockings or socks use wool one way only, and cross the darn with darning silk (or substitute). This makes a stronger darn than using wool both ways.—M. W., in the *Star*.

Spallinger Treatment.

The British Red Cross Society is to provide the money which will enable the Spallinger treatment for tuberculosis to be thoroughly tested. This announcement is a sequel to the preliminary investigations which, it is considered, have established proof that claims of the inventor are not unfounded. The Society appears to be satisfied that a case for further and thorough inquiry has been made out by Mr. Spallinger. The Spallinger treatment, the invention of Mr. Henry Spallinger, of Geneva, consists in the use of a serum and vaccine, the exact nature of which is known only to the inventor.

Planting Trees with Guns.

A good many years ago, at Dunkeld some curious tree planting was carried out by means of guns. On the estate of the Duke of Atholl there was a rocky crag, called Craigbarns, which was absolutely destitute of vegetation. It was desired to get some trees planted on this great rock, but it was impossible for any man to climb up and do the planting. It was suggested that the seeds of suitable trees might be planted there by means of gunfire. Accordingly, two old musk-loading cannons were called into use. A number of canisters were filled with the seeds of various kinds of trees and plants. The guns were loaded with powder, says *Dorothy Science*, and the canisters put into them and fired. The canisters burst against the face of the rock and the seeds which they contained were scattered in all directions. A great many of the seeds fell to the ground, but quite a number lodged in the crevices of the rock and a few were blown up with vegetation as the result of this curious manner of seed planting.

Amateur Wireless.

The development which has taken place in the manufacture of wireless apparatus for amateur use since the Postmaster-General agreed to permit the regular broadcasting of music and other matter of general public interest by wireless telephony, is demonstrated to a remarkable extent by the recent exhibition at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. A couple of years ago the needs of the few amateurs then interested in the subject were supplied by some half a dozen firms, whereas the apparatus shown at the Horticultural Hall has been produced by over 50 different concerns. Moreover, says *Engineering*, the exhibits have been confined entirely to goods of British manufacture, and as this stage has been reached before the regular broadcasting has actually commenced, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the industry will grow to important dimensions during the next few years. The Postmaster-General's recent recommendation that for a certain period the manufacture and sale of wireless apparatus should be confined to British firms, will also doubtless enable the industry to establish itself sufficiently to meet foreign competition in the future.

Forting Tomatoes.

Before a tomato crop can be dispatched from the grower to the whole sale market, it has to be carefully inspected, and then graded according to size. It has hitherto been a custom to employ a staff of men to sort out the fruits and separate the small medium, and large species into their separate bins, but an ingenious Dutchman has invented an appliance which, controlled by a single unskilled attendant, will accomplish the day's work of thirty sorters in an hour, thus effecting a great saving of time, labour, and money. The tomatoes, after having been inspected, are tipped into a bin at the head of an inclined "jumping board," on to which they afterwards automatically drop. A number of groves, or gutters running down the board, direct the passage of the fruit over a series of holes which increase in size gradually till right at the bottom they occupy the whole width of the channel. The action of the machine, which is electrically operated, is to jerk the board and propel the tomatoes forward until they find a hole into which they can drop, every aperture being connected by a tube to a bin in accordance with its size. A machine at present in use in the South of England (says the *Weekly Telegraph*) is designed to grade tomatoes into seven different sizes, but larger ones in operation in Holland are far more efficient, sorting all kinds of fruit into fourteen different classifications.

Straight at It.

There is no use of our beating around the bush. We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cure has earned a world wide reputation and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms. It is the only remedy for all Croup, Whooping Cough, and Sore Throat.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

In the French Senate the Woman's Suffrage Bill was defeated by 166 votes to 134.

A 'Criman' veteran, Mr. James Chatham, of Leicester, who joined the Royal Artillery in 1849, has died, aged 92.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have promised £10,000 towards the fund for the restoration of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Lausanne, Bern, Bâle, and Zurich are reduced to only Socialist and Catholic newspapers owing to a printers' strike.

The statue of ex-King Constantine, which stood in the public square at the Piræus, the Port of Athens, was found in bits.

Canada and Newfoundland have decided to be represented at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, Middlesex, in 1924.

At the London County Council it was stated that the cost of education this year would be £13,500,000, against £15,000,000 last year.

Though professedly supporting the Government, the Hungarian Fascists, or anti-extremist organisation, has been ordered to disband.

For the accidental death of her husband Philip Jones, a seafarer in a Japanese ship, Mrs. Jones was awarded £3,450 at Glamorgan Assizes.

A young servant girl at Jersey was found dead in bed having been suffocated by gas from a pipe in which a hole had been gnawed by rats.

Lord Allenby, the High Commissioner, left Cairo for a tour of inspection of the Sinai Peninsula. He will visit the Moastery of St. Catherine near the Mount.

At the inquest on Lord Ludlow who died from injuries caused by a fall when returning from a meet of the Hertfordshire Hounds, death was found to be due to heart failure following injuries.

A leading Berlin railway trade unionist is reported to be in custody on a charge of giving information to Inter-Allied Military Mission concerning a consignment of pistols at the Anhalter railway station.

In firing a man for being drunk the Middlesex stipendiary magistrate held that the police had the right to enter a house and arrest a husband who had gone to bed after turning his wife into the street.

On the retirement on December 2 of Sir William Vincent, the Home member of the Government of India, Sir William M. Hailey, a member of the Viceroy's Council, will take charge of the Indian Home Department.

A length of green window curtain woven in Lancashire and made with Lancashire dyes, has been sent to Mr. Lloyd George by girls employed in the dye-making trade there for his new house in Vincent-square, Westminster.

During armistice night celebrations at Cambridge, undergraduates seized a motor car containing films, driven by Mr. Alfred Painter, of Harleyford road, Kennington S.E., but the police rescued it before it was much damaged.

Lord Burnham will preside over a joint committee to consider the suggestion of the Education Authorities that owing to the financial condition of the country the teachers should offer a temporary reduction in the salary scales.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation will meet in London to consider the low wages prevalent in the coalfields and the possibility of bringing pressure to bear on the Government to grant them State aid.

The King has approved of the appointment of the Queen as Colonel-in-Chief of the 100th (Westsex) and Oxfordshire Yeomanry, Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, from the Oxfordshire (Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars) Yeomanry.

It is proposed that 800 Czech miners should be employed in France, particularly in the Courrières mines, which the Germans destroyed in 1918 but which have been reopened; it was at Courrières that in March 1906 1,100 miners lost their lives.

After 51 years' service in the telegraph department of the Great Northern Railway, during which time he has been in every signal box on the line between King's Cross and Northampton, Mr. Harry Windnot has retired at Spalding, Lincolnshire, aged 71.

MODERN SUPERSTITION.

ASTONISHING VARIETY OF MASCOTS.

Kings and Queens treasure talismans of their own, writes Ignatius Phayre in *Pearson's Magazine*. The jewellers' shops display motor mascots of quaint design, as well as lucky pigs and monkeys, tiny hunchbacks, and magic coins, often set with precious stones. Thus the turquoise is a protection against enemies; the diamond stands for reconciliation; a sapphire guards against sickness; the cat's eye against bad luck; the emerald keeps the sailor safe at sea; and so on.

The famous fountain pen with which he signed the Peace of Versailles and still greater triumph—the Peace with Ireland is a symbol of good fortune to Mr. Lloyd George. S op windows, nowadays, are full of mascots. There are golden gilliwags for the tourist, an emerald and two of clubs for the card players, trifles in lucky jades for the stockbroker; gem fantasies of many kinds for the public eager and cinema performer, as well as gifts to be exchanged between superstitious folk of all ages and degrees. There is coral for babies, lapis lazuli against depression; the topaz against sleepless nights; beryl for the newly-wed; the amethyst against intoxication; the garnet for gaiety of soul; and so on through the endless gamut of the positives and negatives of Luck.

BELIEF IN LUCK. Belief in Luck, both good and bad, is as universal as mankind itself. There are charms that ward off disease, or cause rain to fall on the farmers' crops. There are specific vases against rheumatism and melancholy. In the tombs of ancient kings are trinkets of all kinds—filigree balls of gold, with written formulas in them, bracelets and rings, tiaras and crescents and discs, pendants, anchors, and horseshoes, the same as we buy to day in the West End of London.

Here are elephants' hairs, mounted with gold or platinum. Here are badgers' teeth, apes' ginsens, and bent sixpences for the hazard of play. There are even bits of jet instead of coal, and representations of the man's tongue and the mole's foot, which ensures success in every game. Keys, tau-crosses, lockets for hair, triangles for folks born in September; stings of acorns against indigestion, and grotesque dolls without number.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S TALISMAN. A golden pig will prevent the loss of money, or help to find articles you may have lost. A necklace of beads, made from roots of the white briony, will assist baby's teething. A broken hairpin is bent into rings and worn by lovers who aspire to a perfect courtship. The June bride must avoid black and wear a sylvan if she aspires to fortunate wifehood. There is no end to these magical tracts, and all have their devotees.

Our own Queen Alexandra values as a talisman a certain nugget of gold, surmounted by a little hunchback in green enamel. This nugget is hollow; it opens at the back of a secret spring, revealing a heart-shaped ornament of New Zealand jade. This singular mascot was given to her mother by the late Duke of Clarence.

Strange to say, the word "luck" does not occur in the English language before the sixteenth century. Stronger still, it was "Mace in Germany," being a short form of Glück, or in modern German, Glück which means happiness or good fortune. As for mascots as the emblems of luck—whether public, family or individual—these are of the highest antiquity. Thus, a tenth-century shalva of Venetian or Byzantine glass is the mascot of the Musgraves. And on the safe keeping and preservation of this the welfare of the family is supposed to depend.

MIND AND MATTER. "Mind," says Sir Oliver Lodge "seems to need a material vehicle for its manifestation; and mental activity, which is a psychical and not a physical fact, is a thing to be investigated in its temporary connection with the material world." What effect the carrying of a mascot has upon the human will and the turn of events is a matter which is now found worthy of scientific investigation.

During the astonishing run of "Chu Chin Chow," it is a fact that on three out of the five anniversaries of this phenomenal piece, a strange black cat appeared at the stage-door, and was promptly installed in a life of luxury.

"All magic," says Sir James Frazer, the great anthropologist, "is based upon the law of sympathy—that is to say, on the assumption that things act upon one another through some secret link." Here we have the *raison d'être* of the mascot.

One hundred and thirty lots of British butterflies and moths, among which were some remarkable examples of colour variation in the Magpie butterfly, were sold at Stevens' Auction Rooms, King-street, W.C.

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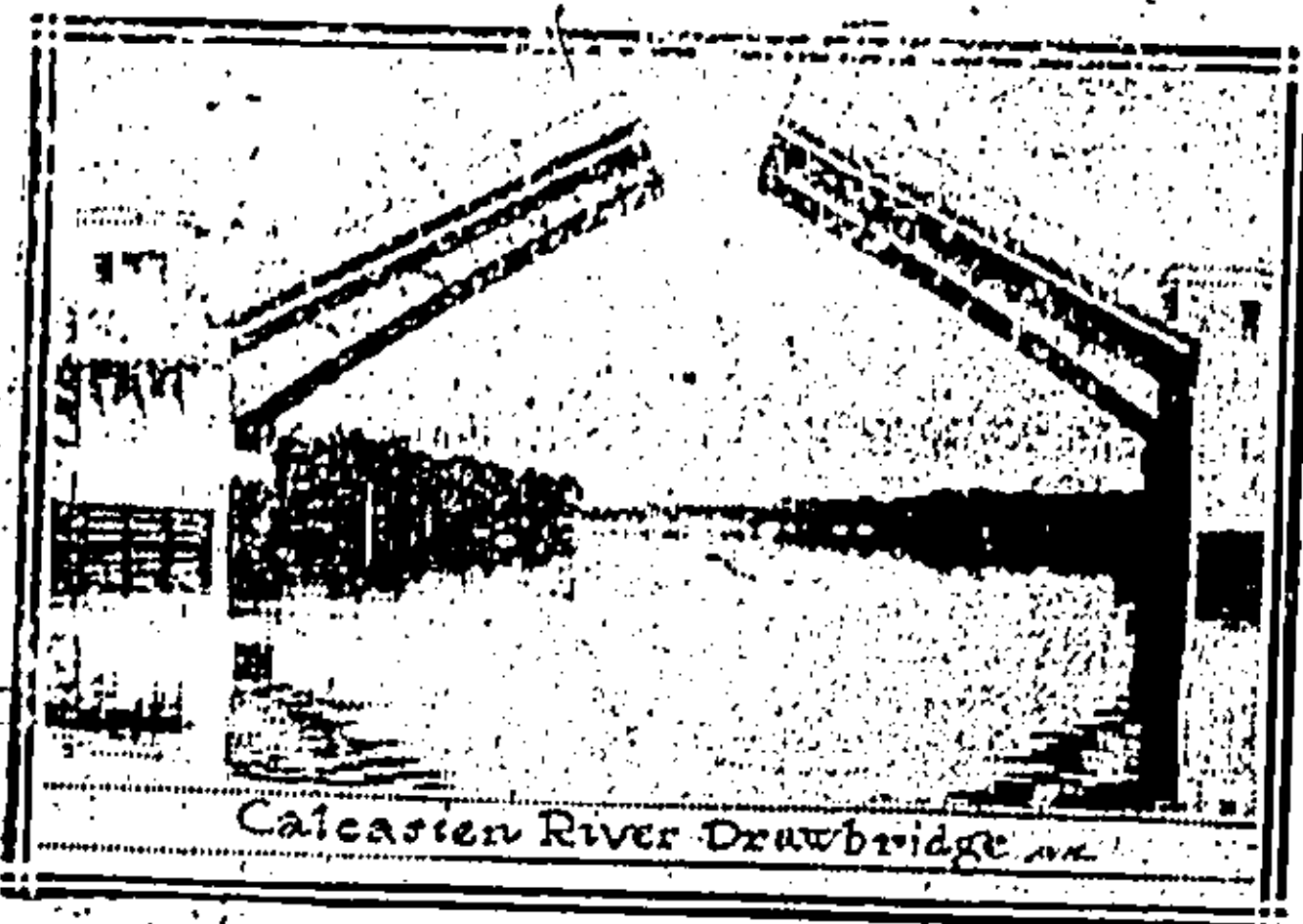
THE GOLDEN GATE.

\$17,250,000 BRIDGE MOOTED.

The Golden Gate can be bridged. A feasible plan just submitted, if it obtains sanction and approval of the War Department, will open a new era for San Francisco, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The congestion of the harbour will be relieved and a vast area, now virtually isolated, will be brought into direct contact with this city. Fully 90,000 population in Sausalito, San Rafael, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa would gain direct transportation. Navigation will not be hindered, owing to the great height of the bridge, 8700 feet between the shores of the Golden Gate.

Designs placed before the Mayor provide for the greatest structure ever erected in point of magnitude and span at a cost of \$17,250,000. It is suggested that the cost could easily be borne by Marin and San Francisco counties, but the bridge design is accompanied by statistical tables of estimates to show net earnings in excess of the annual costs of operation and maintenance. The municipality does not disclose any plan for obtaining the consent and approval of the United States War Department, which is, of course, essential to such construction. The bridge design was worked out by Joseph B. Strauss of Chicago, noted bridge engineer, from data supplied by City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy. There is offered a combination of cantilever and suspension bridge to be thrown across the great heights of the bridge.



Recently completed drawbridge over the Calcasieu River, in Louisiana, built by the State at a cost of \$2,000,000. The bridge is of simple design. It links the highway over the old Spanish trail through the State of Louisiana.



David Aho, twenty-one, a cripple since childhood, when, it is said, his mother threw him to the floor in a fit of anger, breaking his back, is held prisoner on the charge of murdering his stepfather and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wirtenen, of Virginia Minn. There are six Wirtenen children, and Aho brooded over the second marriage of his mother. The boy was wounded in the knee before he was captured.



Mrs. Alden Ziegenfuss. It remained for Mrs. Alden Ziegenfuss, of Chicago, to adopt this most novel of all fur pieces—a live pet fox. She captured the animal in Nevada.



J. O. Walton, Democratic candidate for Governor of Oklahoma, was elected with the support of the Farmer-Labour Party. He was formerly Mayor of Oklahoma City.



Reparations Commission.

The international Reparations Commission is shown assembled in Berlin, endeavouring to find some way out of the financial difficulties facing Germany. Sitting, left to right: Sir John Bradbury, of England; M. Barthou, of France, Chairman; Mr. Boyden, of the United States; M. Delacroix, of Belgium; and M. D'Amelio, of Italy. Standing, left to right: M. Maclure, of France; Mr. MacFadyen, of England; Mr. Bates, of the United States; Mr. Logan, of the United States; M. Mathieu, of France; M. Remelans, of Belgium; M. Monnet and M. Aron, of France.



Dorothy Gordon, Boston heiress, before she was confined in the McLean Insane Hospital by order of her guardian. Arrow points to her room in the hospital.



Professor Edward Chien, Assistant Professor of Assyriology in the University of Pennsylvania, has completed deciphering many Babylonian tablets, some of them dating from 2100 B. C. Most of the tablets are in the Sumerian, language and were taken from the excavations of the Library of Nippur. The smaller tablets are Babylonian leases with some geographical data. The larger tablets contain an account of the fall of man; in many ways parallel with the account contained in the Book of Genesis, especially of the banishment of Adam and Eve from Eden.



Queen Silver.

Queen Silver, a 12-year-old Western girl who has acquired fame as a debater and lecturer, has challenged William Jennings Bryan to debate the subject of evolution. Here are a few of her favourite lecture themes: "The Darwinian Theory of Evolution," "Human Nature in the Animal World," "From Star Dust to Man," "Incans of Old Peru," and "The Conquest of Mexico."



Ex President Woodrow Wilson showed considerable physical improvement when he addressed a huge throng that gathered to pay him homage before his Washington home on Armistice Day.

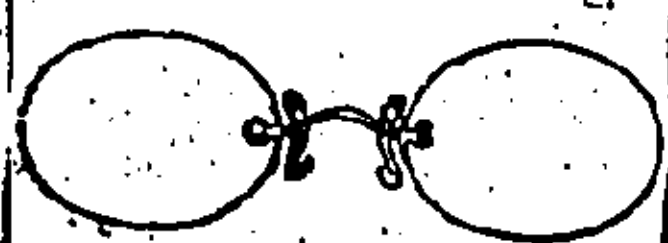
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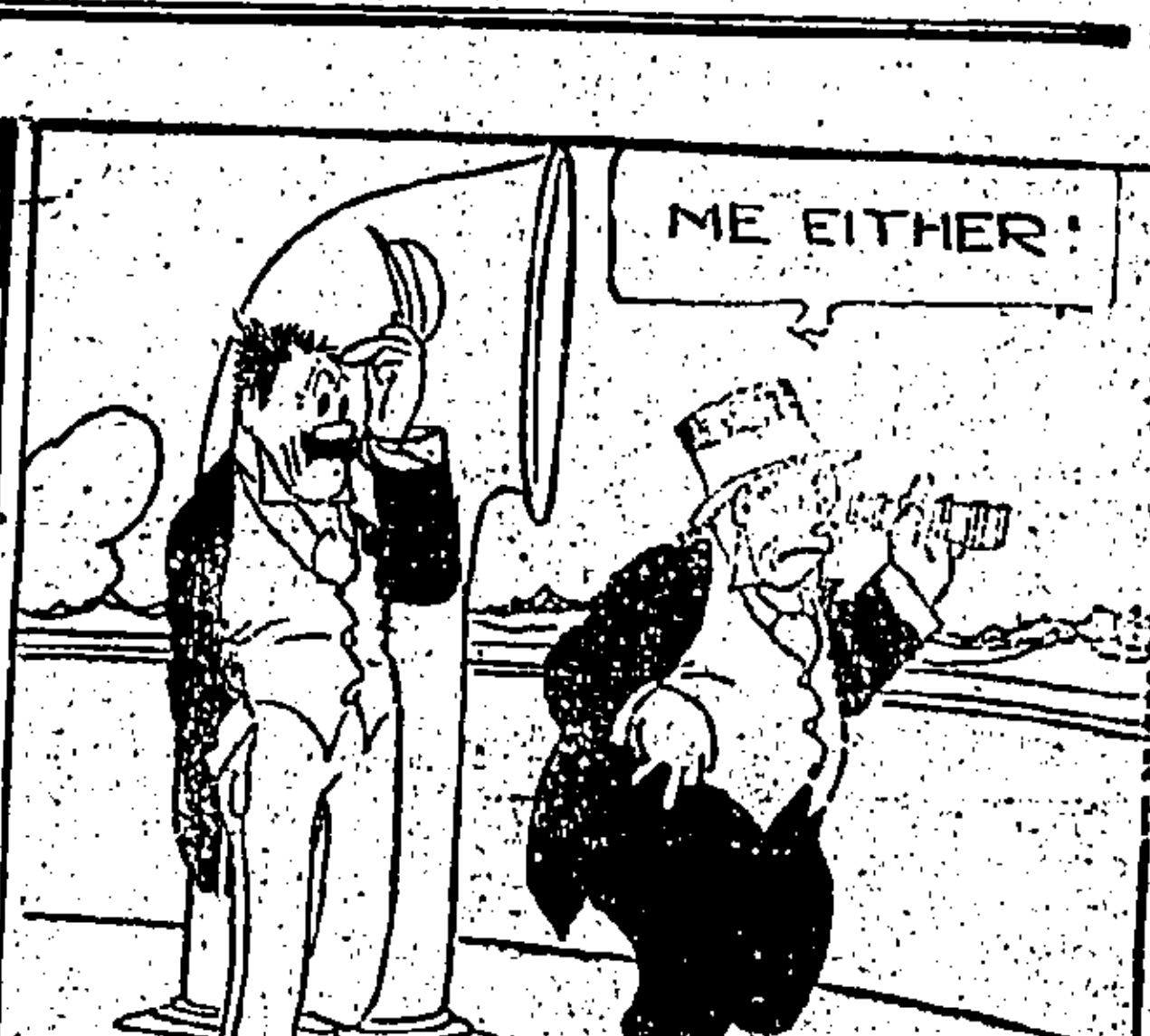
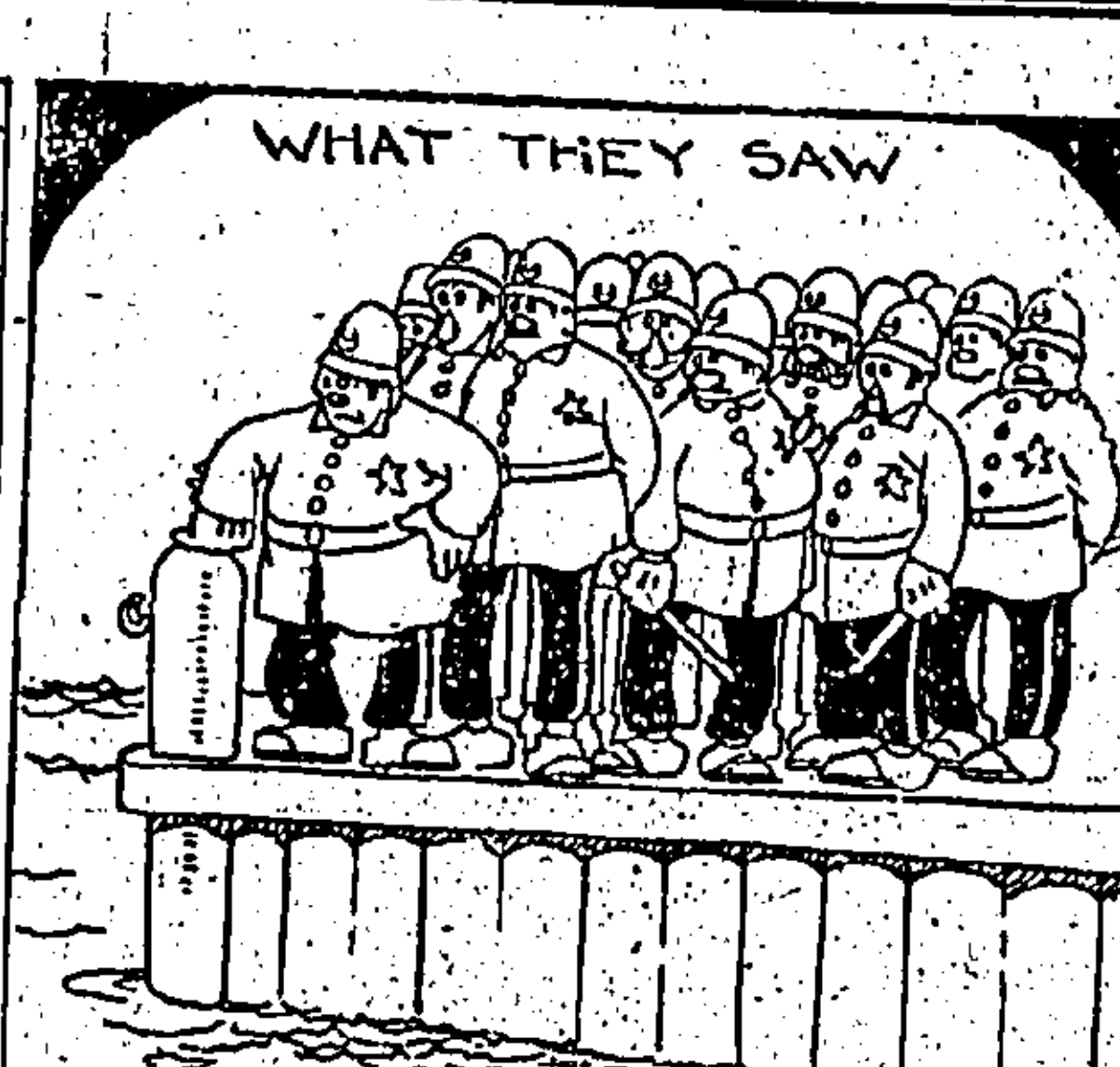
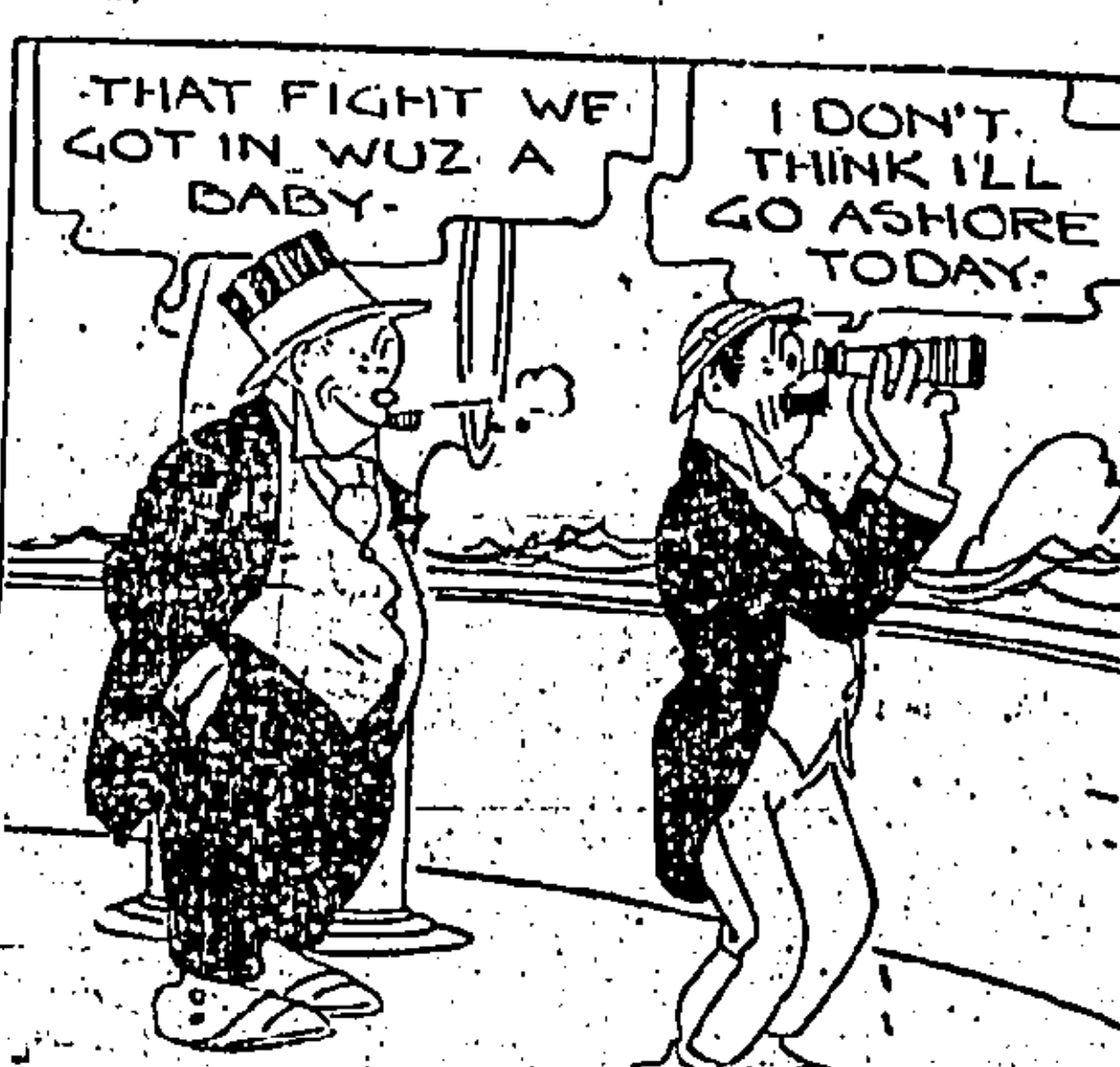
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
CHINA'S NEW PREMIER HOLDS RECEPTION.

PEKING, January 8th.
Five hundred and three members of Parliament attended Premier Chang Shou Tseng's reception yesterday afternoon. Several members of the Cabinet were present. Chang Shou Tseng, in a speech expressed appreciation of Parliament's approval of his Premiership, not only on his own account, but also as it was essential that a Cabinet should be formed at the earliest possible moment. He trusted that Parliament would show the same consideration to his colleagues, thus enabling the Cabinet to function at an early date. The Premier stated that reunification was one of the most important questions with which the Cabinet would have to deal, and he trusted that Parliament would complete the Constitution as quickly as possible. Chang Shou Tseng then introduced the members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Alfred So said that he had been selected as head of the Chinese Legation at Washington as it seemed probable that the renewal or otherwise of the Anglo-Japanese alliance would depend upon the Washington discussion. He returned much out of touch with local affairs, and trusted that Parliament would give him advice where he needed it. He thought it most necessary that China should maintain the position she had recently gained among the nations. That rested in the hands of China herself, but he would do his best to see that her position was maintained.

Kuo Ling Wei (Minister of the Interior) merely welcomed the members of Parliament.

Li Kuo Yuan (Minister of Commerce) promised to earnestly encourage the development of industries, and thus improve the conditions of the masses. Responding on behalf of Parliament, Mah Sing said he hoped that Chang Shou Tseng would soon complete his Cabinet, and that the latter would render valuable services to the country. "Our Country," he said, "is in a critical position, and the Cabinet members were gratified at the attitude of members of Parliament."

THE EDUCATION PROBLEM OF CHINA.

LONDON, January 7th.
The latest contribution to the Chinese education discussion in the *Times* emanates from Mr. F. M. H. Holman at one time lecturer in Easton, Georgia, Hongkong University, who emphasises the educational deficit of the British with to build in China must be based on a solid foundation of sufficiently endowed and properly equipped schools, without which the higher institutions cannot be supplied with students. Mr. Holman says that the founding of new colleges and higher education in China will only lead to disappointment unless such adequate system is previously established.

AMERICAN BUSINESS INVASION OF CHINA.

NEW YORK, January 7th.
American capital, in aiming at a big business invasion of China has organised a concern called the China Enterprises Incorporated, which, through two subsidiaries, is about to establish numerous factories. The factories will employ Chinese labour, manufacturing silk and textiles, while the theatres will endeavour to interpret Western life, business and government to the Chinese.

RETROCESSION OF WEIHAIWEI.

PEKING, January 7th.
Mr. M. T. Liang and the whole of his suite and also the British Consul-General, Mr. Giles, were unexpectedly summoned to Peking by their respective authorities with a view to a discussion of the retrocession of Weihaiwei at headquarters.

CABINET CONGRATULATED.

PEKING, January 7th.
The Cabinet has received many congratulatory telegrams from the provinces, two of which are considered significant, one from General Wang Chen Ping, who is a prominent member of the Chihli party, and the other from General Yuan Tai Ming, who played a prominent part in efforts towards reunification.

Premier Chang Shou Tseng is inviting the members of both House of Parliament and the members of the Cabinet to join this afternoon when he will explain how he was obliged to appoint Cabinet Ministers before their ratification by Parliament owing to the unrest throughout the country, but now that the names are submitted he is hoping that they will vote on the matter as soon as possible.

It is reported that Kim Yen Yuan is now at Peking, where he has been staying for a few days. If he decides not to take up his post, it is thought that Chang Ying Hua will be appointed Vice-Minister of Finance and carry on the Ministry affairs.

ITALIAN RADIO TELEGRAMS.

The Italian Consul in Hongkong kindly sends us the following wireless message received from Italy which have been received in Shanghai.

SESTO CALENDE 20.—An Italian hydroplane of 300 horse-power driven by the aviator Pissinova, has attained a speed establishing a new world record.

ROME 20.—An undulatory earthquake, having epicentre in the Abruzzi, has been felt in the afternoon. The meteorological observatory of the Collegio Romano states that the earthquake is not of a serious nature.

ROME 20.—The Italian Government has presented to the Pope the famous "Bibbia" which contains, among others, old documents relating to Martin Luther's depositions.

ROME 20.—The Holy See will probably shortly open diplomatic relations with Italy.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE

FROM BANGKOK AND SWATOW.
Jan. 14.—E. A. Banks.

FROM AMOY.
Jan. 20.—J. C. L. Tjimonok.

FROM MANILA.
Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.
20.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.

FROM JAVA.
Jan. 20.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
18.—J. C. L. Tjimonok.
21.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.

FROM SINGAPORE.
Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.
20.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.

FROM BOMBAY.
Jan. 9.—N.Y.K. Awa Maru.
11.—N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru.

FROM CALCUTTA.
Jan. 9.—B. I. Takada.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Feb. 5.—E. A. Banks.
12.—A. O. Talyuan.

FROM PORTLAND.
Jan. 31.—Col. P. S. Pawlet.
Feb. 1.—Col. P. S. Pawlet.
5.—Col. P. S. Wawalon.

FROM NEW YORK.
Feb. 4.—B. F. Telemachus.

FROM VANCOUVER.
Jan. 18.—B. F. Telemachus.
19.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
Feb. 15.—B. F. Telemachus.
Mar. 8.—B. F. Telemachus.
May 17.—B. F. Telemachus.
June 7.—B. F. Telemachus.

FROM SEATTLE.
Jan. 18.—B. F. Telemachus.
Feb. 15.—B. F. Telemachus.
Mar. 8.—B. F. Telemachus.
Apr. 17.—B. F. Telemachus.
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FROM LOS ANGELES.
Jan. 18.—B. F. Telemachus.
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Apr. 17.—B. F. Telemachus.
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO.
Jan. 21.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.
25.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.
Jan. 15.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.
16.—B. F. Telemachus.
17.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
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26.—B. F. Telemachus.
27.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
28.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
29.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.
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31.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.

FROM LONDON.
Jan. 11.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.
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13.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
14.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
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FROM LIVERPOOL.
Jan. 10.—P. M. Free, Cleveland.
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FROM HAMBURG.
Jan. 27.—H.S.L. Ludendorff.

FROM ANTWERP.
Jan. 10.—N.A.A.L. Teneriffe.
30.—H.A.L. Havelland.

FROM COPENHAGEN.
Jan. 10.—E. A. Banks.
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Mar. 12.—E. A. Banks.
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